

Participation is possible for all who are interested! The tour is designed as a coherent set, but of course you are also welcome to attend only one of the sessions. There are possibilities for students (WUR or not) to subscribe to the HRCT as a course. They can get credits for their (active) participation in the form of a capita selecta (3 credits) when attending all evenings and having submitted a review paper in which they address the central questions of the course.

More information on subscription and the content of the evenings will be available on the website:
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**We look forward to welcoming you in
Wageningen!**

The HRCT team
With Ir. Ed Dumrese (Coordinator Committee 4 and 5 May) and Dr. Otto Hospes (Public Administration and Policy, WUR) as chairs and with Bernadette van Doorn, Alessa Heuser, Francesca Nardelli and Jetske Vaas (WUR students) as key operators.

H U M A N R I G H T S C O L L E G E T O U R : *Can human rights change the world or do human rights need to be changed?*



February 13th/20th/27th and 6th of March 2013
From 19.30 until 21.30 h

Hollandseweg 1 - Building 201 Leeuwenborch - Room C64
Wageningen University

The Human Rights College Tour (HRCT) is a joint initiative of the Liberation Committee 1945 Wageningen (*Comité 4 en 5 mei Wageningen*) and the Public Administration and Policy Group of Wageningen University and Research Centre.

During four evening sessions, fundamental questions about the current human rights doctrine will be addressed from different angles (juridical, NGO, business, political), in order to revitalize and possibly redirect the human rights debate. The HRCT has invited speakers from different sectors, who are all working in the field of human rights. They will discuss

- (a) what they see as trends in human rights development and
- (b) whether human rights as a set of agreements between states to respect the dignity of every individual on their territory has become outdated in a world of globalization characterized by the emergence of NGOs and multinational business as new duty bearers or sovereignties. Or whether the discourse can still be considered the corner stone of international order and a safety valve to prevent abuse of the state monopoly of violence.
- (c) what the most important strategies or steps are to contribute to immediate or progressive realization of human rights.
- (d) to what extent the distinction between Economic, Social and Cultural rights, and Civil and Political rights has formed an impulse or rather a barrier for the realization of human rights.
- (e) whether it is important and feasible to make the existing human rights doctrine work better or a need to review, revitalize or even break down the existing human rights doctrine with a view to develop new human rights.

Speakers:

Politics and Human Rights

February 13th

Kathalijne Buitenweg

Commissioner of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

Laurien Koster

Chair of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

(College van de Rechten van de Mens)

Law and Human rights

February 20th

Egbert Myjer

Former judge of the European Court of Human Rights

Jan-Peter Loof

Commissioner of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

Human Rights in Practice

February 27th

Nikita Shahbazi

FoodFirst Information and Action Network

Lars van Troost

Amnesty International

Piet van Geel

Vice-chair of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights

Human Rights in Business

March, 6th

Mariëtte van Huijstee

Stichting Onderzoek Multinationale Ondernemingen

Nicola Jägers

Commissioner of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights